



Intelligence Information Report

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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM/NORTH VIETNAM
OI SEPTEMBER 1968 - LATE 1969
SUBJECT FOUR U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AT INTERNMENT
CAMP IN NORTHWEST SOUTH VIETNAM

CQ VIETNAM, NHA TRANG (29 APRIL 1972) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

SOURCE

SUMMARY: FROM SEPTEMBER 1968 THROUGH MARCH 1969 [REDACTED]

TREATED OR EXAMINED

FOUR U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) AT A CAMP IN NORTHWEST SOUTH
VIETNAM. THE FOUR POWS WERE MOVED TO HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM, IN

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SHORTER

LATE 1969. WARRANT OFFICER (FNU) SHORTER SUFFERED A BROKEN ARM WHEN HIS HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN. AN ARMY ENLISTED MAN, GZIP, ^{GRZYB} SUFFERED FROM MALARIA. AN ARMY INFANTRY SERGEANT, NAME UNKNOWN, HAD BEEN WOUNDED BY MORTAR FRAGMENTS. AN ARMY INFANTRY SECOND LIEUTENANT, NAME NOT KNOWN, REQUIRED NO MEDICAL TREATMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR VISITING AND TREATING SICK AND WOUNDED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR INTERNED AT THE "B-3 PRISONER OF WAR CAMP," LOCATED IN NORTHWEST SOUTH VIETNAM, FROM APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 1968 TO MARCH 1969. [REDACTED] PROVIDED MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE FOLLOWING FOUR U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR DURING THIS PERIOD:

A. U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER, (FNU) S H O R T E R, A HELICOPTER PILOT WHO SUSTAINED A BROKEN ARM WHEN HIS HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHERE OR WHEN SHORTER'S HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN BUT SURMISED THAT IT OCCURRED AROUND OCTOBER 1968, WHEN SHORTER WAS TREATED BY [REDACTED] GAVE THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SHORTER:

HAIR: LIGHT BLONDE, MODERATE LENGTH
EYES: DID NOT REMEMBER
HEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET SIX INCHES
WEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY 140 POUNDS
BUILD: STOCKY
AGE: APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OLD
RACE: CAUCASIAN
GENERAL APPEARANCE: SMOOTH SHAVEN FACE WITH SQUARE JAW-LINE; NO DISTINGUISHABLE MARKS, EXCEPT FOR BROKEN ARM

[REDACTED] COULD NOT BE CERTAIN OF THE EXACT MONTH WHEN HE TREATED THE POW'S BROKEN ARM BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WAS LATE 1968, POSSIBLY OCTOBER. THE COMMANDER OF THE POW CAMP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THE POW'S NAME, WHICH PHONETICALLY

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SOUNDED LIKE "SHORTER." [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH AND WAS ABLE TO CONVERSE WITH THE POWS IN ENGLISH. (FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED] SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH AND SPELLED THE POW'S NAME PHONETICALLY AS HE REMEMBERED ITS PRONUNCIATION BY [REDACTED])

B. U.S. ARMY INFANTRY ENLISTED MAN (FNU) G Z I P (VARIANT G Z I B), WHO WAS NOT WOUNDED WHEN EXAMINED BY [REDACTED] BUT WAS SUFFERING FROM A MALARIA ATTACK. [REDACTED] TREATED GZIP IN MARCH 1969 BUT DID NOT KNOW WHERE OR WHEN GZIP WAS SHOT DOWN. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE SAW THE POW'S NAME WRITTEN DOWN IN THE POW CAMP'S LOG. [REDACTED] COULD NOT REMEMBER WHETHER THE LAST LETTER OF THE NAME WAS "P" OR "B." [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE FIRST LETTER OF THE POW'S NAME WAS PRONOUNCED AS A HARD "G." [REDACTED] GAVE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF GZIP:

HAIR: LIGHT BROWN

EYES: DID NOT REMEMBER

HEIGHT: OVER SIX FEET TALL

WEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY 180 POUNDS

BUILD: STOCKY, BUT NOT FAT; LOOKED STRONG

AGE: EARLY 20'S

RACE: CAUCASIAN

GENERAL APPEARANCE: LOOKED FAIRLY HEALTHY AND ALERT

C. U.S. ARMY INFANTRY SECOND LIEUTENANT, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] IN EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1969. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE POW WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. ARMY'S "INTELLECTUAL UNIT" (DON VI TRI THUC), A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION COMPOSED ONLY OF COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO HAD BEEN INDUCTED FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE OR WHEN THE POW WAS CAPTURED. THE POW WAS NOT WOUNDED AND REQUIRED NO MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE TIME [REDACTED] WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM. [REDACTED] GAVE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE POW:

HAIR: LIGHT BROWN, COMBED STRAIGHT ACROSS THE SKULL

WITH NO APPARENT PART IN THE HAIR

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EYES: WORE VERY THICK GLASSES; DID NOT KNOW COLOR OF EYES

HEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL

WEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY 150 - 160 POUNDS

BUILD: AVERAGE

AGE: MID-20'S, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-SIX YEARS OLD

GENERAL APPEARANCE: APPEARED TO BE QUITE HEALTHY

RACE: CAUCASIAN

D. U.S. ARMY INFANTRY SERGEANT (HA SI), NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS WOUNDED BY MORTAR FRAGMENTS AND WAS OPERATED ON BY [REDACTED] IN EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1969. (FIELD COMMENT: THERE IS SOME DISCREPANCY IN THIS TIME PERIOD BECAUSE [REDACTED] TREATMENT OF THESE U.S. POW'S OCCURRED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1968 AND MARCH 1969.) [REDACTED] SAID THE POW HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER SHORTLY BEFORE HE OPERATED ON HIM. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHERE OR WHEN THE POW WAS CAPTURED. HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE POW:

HAIR: CLOSELY CROPPED, CURLY, BLACK

HEIGHT: OVER SIX FEET TALL

WEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY 165-170 POUNDS

BUILD: AVERAGE

AGE: APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS OLD

GENERAL APPEARANCE: POW WAS A VERY BLACK-SKINNED NEGRO WHO WAS IN APPARENTLY GOOD HEALTH EXCEPT FOR SHOULDER WOUND

2. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD IN LATE 1969 BY [REDACTED] THAT THE U.S. POW'S DESCRIBED ABOVE HAD BEEN SENT TO HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM, ON AN UNSPECIFIED DATE.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS CITED ABOVE WERE BASED ON [REDACTED] ESTIMATES OF HEIGHT, WEIGHT, BUILD AND AGE OF U.S. POW'S. [REDACTED] STATED HIS OWN HEIGHT, WEIGHT, BUILD AND AGE TO PROVIDE [REDACTED] WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES.)

4. (FIELD COMMENT: THE ABOVE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC), WHICH HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: /WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 1-A/ OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT WARRANT OFFICER DAVID S O O T E R WAS CAPTURED ON 17 FEBRUARY 1967 AT YA568588, WHEN THE HELICOPTER HE WAS PILOTING WAS DOWNED BY ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION MATCHES, INCLUDING THE FACIAL SHAPE. THE BIG DISCREPANCY IS THE TIME FRAME. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT HIS ARM WAS BROKEN BY AN ACCIDENT WHILE IN CAPTIVITY. /WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 1-B/ THE ARMY ENLISTED MAN DESCRIPTION COMPARES TO THAT OF ROBERT G R Z Y B, AN EX-ARMY ENLISTED MAN WHO WAS UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF CAPTURE. GRZYB WAS LIVING IN PLEIKU ILLEGALLY WHEN CAPTURED ON 10 DECEMBER 1967. /WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 1-C/ WITHOUT DATA ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE ON THIS INDIVIDUAL, CORRELATION IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. EVEN ASSUMING THAT CAPTURE TOOK PLACE IN THE MR II AREA, THERE IS NO REAL TIME FRAME TO AID IN PINNING HIM DOWN. /WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 4/ THE DATA APPEAR TO FIT PFC COY R. TINSLEY. PFC TINSLEY WAS RELEASED IN NOVEMBER 1969, AND IT IS KNOWN THAT HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT SHOULDER WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED AND THAT HE WAS TREATED AT A VC/NVA HOSPITAL. HE WAS CAPTURED ON 9 MARCH 1969.

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